

Q² 9 (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the presence of a chromosomal methylation pattern characteristic of pluripotent cells.

10. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the ability to induce tumours when introduced into an animal.

11. (Amended) A cell-line consisting of cells according to Claim 1.

Q³ 13. (Amended) A method for the preparation of a cytoplasmic part for use in the production of a cell according to Claims 1;

- (i) providing at least one embryonal teratocarcinoma cell;
- (ii) separating at least part of the cytoplasm from the nucleus of said cell;
- (iii) isolating said cytoplasmic part; and, optionally
- (iv) storing said isolated cytoplasmic part under suitable storage

conditions.

15. (Amended) A method for preparing a cell according to Claim 1 comprising;

- Q⁴
- (i) combining at least one embryonal teratocarcinoma cell with at least one differentiated somatic cell;
 - (ii) removing the embryonal teratocarcinoma nucleus from said combined cell;
 - (iii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to proliferation and expansion of said cell; and, optionally
 - (iv) storing said cell culture under suitable conditions.

~~Q⁵ 18. (Amended) A method according to Claim 16 characterised in that said cytoplasm is combined with said somatic cell via cytoplasm/somatic cell fusion.~~

19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 16 characterised in that said embryonal carcinoma cell and somatic cell are of human origin.

Q⁵
20. (Amended) A cell culture comprising at least one cell according to any of Claims 1.

21. (Amended) A method for inducing differentiation of at least one cell comprising;

- (i) providing a cell according to Claim 1;
- (ii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to the differentiation of said cell into at least one tissue; and optionally
- (iii) storing of said differentiated tissue prior to use under suitable storage conditions.

Q⁶
23. (Amended) At least one tissue type or organ comprising at least one cell according to Claim 1.

24. (Amended) A therapeutic composition comprising at least one cell according to Claim 1 including a suitable excipient, diluent or carrier.

Q⁷
27. (Amended) A kit comprising at least one cell according to Claim 1; instructions with respect to maintenance of said cell in culture; and optionally, factors required to induce differentiation of said cell to at least one desired tissue type or organ.

Rule 1.126
Q⁸
28. (New) A method according to Claim 17 characterised in that said cytoplasm is combined with said somatic cell via cytoplasm/somatic cell fusion.